

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q79258

Yasuo OKAMOTO

Appln. No.: 10/583,040

Group Art Unit: 1793

Confirmation No.: 6750

Examiner: Rebecca Y LEE

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SHAPED ARTICLE OF ALUMINUM ALLOY, SHAPED  
ALUMINUM ALLOY ARTICLE AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 7, 2009 and the Restriction Requirement set forth therein, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13, for examination in the present application.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, applicants hereby elect the species (c), wherein the pre-heat treatment is performed at a temperature of at least 370°C and 480°C or lower.

Claims directed to the elected species are claims 1 and 4-13.

Applicants make these elections without traverse.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue  
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Respectfully submitted,

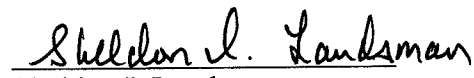
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